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211.274 Item identification and valuation.

211.274-1 General.

Unique item identification and valuation is a system of marking and valuing items delivered to DoD that will enhance logistics, contracting, and financial business transactions supporting the United States and coalition troops. Through unique item identification policy, which capitalizes on leading practices and embraces open standards, DoD can—

- (a) Achieve lower life-cycle cost of item management and improve lifecycle property management;
 - (b) Improve operational readiness;
- (c) Provide reliable accountability of property and asset visibility throughout the life cycle; and
- (d) Reduce the burden on the workforce through increased productivity and efficiency.

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211.274-2 Policy for unique item identification.

- (a) It is DoD policy that DoD unique item identification, or a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent, is required for-
- (1) All delivered items for which the Government's unit acquisition cost is \$5,000 or more;
- (2) Items for which the Government's unit acquisition cost is less than \$5,000, when identified by the requiring activity as serially managed, mission essential, or controlled inventory;
- (3) Items for which the Government's unit acquisition cost is less than \$5,000, when the requiring activity determines that permanent identification is required; and
 - (4) Regardless of value—
- (i) Any DoD serially managed subassembly, component, or part embedded within a delivered item; and
- (ii) The parent item (as defined in 252.211-7003(a)) that contains the embedded subassembly, component, or part
- (b) *Exceptions*. The Contractor will not be required to provide DoD unique item identification if—
- (1) The items, as determined by the head of the agency, are to be used to support a contingency operation or to

facilitate defense against or recovery from nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack; or

- (2) A determination and findings has been executed concluding that it is more cost effective for the Government requiring activity to assign, mark, and register the unique item identification after delivery of an item acquired from a small business concern or a commercial item acquired under FAR Part 12 or Part 8.
- (i) The determination and findings shall be executed by—
- (A) The Component Acquisition Executive for an acquisition category (ACAT) I program; or
- (B) The head of the contracting activity for all other programs.
- (ii) The DoD Unique Item Identification Program Office must receive a copy of the determination and findings required by paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this subsection. Send the copy to DPAP, SPEC ASST, 3060 Defense Pentagon, 3E1044, Washington, DC 20301-3060; or by facsimile to (703) 695-7596.

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211.274-3 Policy for valuation.

- (a) It is DoD policy that contractors shall be required to identify the Government's unit acquisition cost (as defined in 252.211-7003(a)) for all items delivered, even if none of the criteria for placing a unique item identification mark applies.
- (b) The Government's unit acquisition cost is—
- (1) For fixed-price type line, subline, or exhibit line items, the unit price identified in the contract at the time of delivery;
- (2) For cost-type or undefinitized line, subline, or exhibit line items, the contractor's estimated fully burdened unit cost to the Government at the time of delivery; and
- (3) For items delivered under a timeand-materials contract, the contractor's estimated fully burdened unit cost to the Government at the time of delivery.
- (c) The Government's unit acquisition cost of subassemblies, components, and parts embedded in delivered items need not be separately identified.

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